

## THREATS AGAINST WARSHIP.

**DID THEY RESULT IN THREE RECENT INJURIES TO HER?**

Violence at the Navy Yard Soon After the Connecticut's Keel Was Laid and After a Meddling Walking Delegate Had Been Ejected From the Yard.

After the United States battleship Connecticut had been launched at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Thursday last, Admiral Frederick Rodgers, commander of the yard, caused an unusual announcement to be made to the 3,000 odd men employed in various capacities about the yard. Through naval officers and foremen the men were told, in substance, the following: "Three attempts were made to prevent the successful launching of the Connecticut by seriously damaging the ship. The attempts failed only because of the careful instructions made by the officers immediately in charge of the construction. This clandestine business could have been done only by a man or men employed in this yard. The commander of the yard believes that the great majority of the men employed here are patriotic American citizens, who take even more pride in the American navy than citizens less intimately connected with it. He also believes that it will be necessary only to call the attention of the men to the fact that there is one or more scoundrels among them to have each of them do the most he can to find out the guilty and see that they are promptly and properly punished."

Never before in the history of an American yard has such an announcement been made, and its effect was just what Admiral Rodgers believed it would be. An angry lot of men than most of the navy yard workmen were would have been hard to find. At the noon hour on Friday and Saturday, and after the day's work was done on Friday and Saturday evenings, the workmen talked of the announcement. Yesterday the jockies and marines were heatedly talking about the matter, and every man jack of them seemed to want to be the first to discover "the dog that did it."

From a high naval officer additional facts about the three attempts to injure and wreck what will be when completed the most powerful ship in the world were obtained yesterday. This officer said:

"About two months ago the watertight compartments of the Connecticut were tested. When one of them amidship was filled with water, it was noticed that little streams trickled from the inside, out of the blocks supporting the ship. The vessel was then, of course, on the ways and the compartment was immediately emptied and examined to find out what was the matter. "The size of the streams indicated that small holes had to be looked for. An officer had not been in the compartment long before he found that holes had been drilled in four or five rivets that helped to hold the keel plates in position. The rivets were about three inches long and over an inch in diameter. It was found that the holes had been bored exactly in the center of the rivets and, in each case, a rivet had been picked out whose outside end was hidden by a keel block, so that there wasn't one chance in a million that the job would have been discovered until the ship was in the water. Inside the compartment the holes were loosely plugged.

"As soon as the thing was discovered the rivets were replaced by new ones and the ship was watched more carefully than ever. It was quite evident to all who saw the holes that the job had been done by a cunning and skilled mechanic. "The second attempt against the ship was discovered a week before the first. About this something has already been printed. That consisted of driving a spike in the middle of the ways, under water, for the purpose of ripping a hole in the bottom of the vessel when she slid down the ways. Had this spike not been discovered by an officer in a diving suit, who had gone down to examine the ways, the ship might have been wrecked, and most of those aboard here at the launching killed or injured. The spike protruded about five inches above the surface of the ways. After the spike had been removed the guards all about the ship and along the ways were doubled. More electric lights were set up along the ways, and the number of lights inside the vessel was also increased.

"The third attempt to damage the ship was discovered immediately after she had got into the water at the launching. A hole an inch in diameter was drilled through the outer shell at a point where the side of the ship rested against one of the cradle blocks. The hole must have been made some time between 5 o'clock Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

"The vessel had hardly left the ways when the leak was reported. The inner and outer shells of the Connecticut are about four feet apart. Bulkheads or partitions divide the space between the shells into watertight compartments. Each compartment is fitted with a steel door. The person who drilled the hole was undoubtedly familiar with the ship, or had seen others like it, as he had to find the door of that particular section and lower himself into the compartment. Workmen were stationed all over the boat long before the first block was knocked away. The boat had hardly floated free of the cradle when the man who was inspecting the compartments reported the leak. At first it was supposed that a rivet had been left out, but the diver who plugged the hole said that the nearest joint was several inches away. Very little damage was done to the boat, owing to the fact that the compartments doors were all closed. The hole is tightly plugged, and the vessel will not go to the dry dock for several months."

It was learned at the yard yesterday that Admiral Rodgers sent a detailed report of the three attempts to damage or wreck the Connecticut to the Navy Department on Saturday. When the Admiral was asked if this was true, he said it was, and because of that fact he did not care to discuss the subject at all. He said that he had no doubt that the Department would make public a part of the report at least early this week. When asked if he suspected any person or persons, he said:

"I suspect no one. I cannot imagine such a miserable specimen of humanity as would do a thing of this kind. I believe, however, that he will be found out in time, and I believe that the patriotic men employed in the yard will have much or all to do with discovering the scoundrel."

There were others at the yard, however, who did have suspicions, and, strange to say, they all pointed in the same direction.

## PAYNE'S LIFE JUST SAVED.

**WAS NEAR TO DEATH'S DOOR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

He Had an Alarming Sinking Spell, but Revived Under Constantly Applied Restoratives, and at 6:45 Was Better Than at Any Time During His Illness.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Postmaster-General Payne was so close to death's door this afternoon that Mrs. Payne and the other members of the family were called to his bedside. The Rev. R. Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, was summoned and read prayers for the sick, and repeated one of the Psalms. Under constantly applied restoratives, however, Mr. Payne rallied perceptibly. At 3:30 o'clock, an hour later, Dr. Magruder and Grayson issued the following bulletin:

"The Postmaster-General's condition is still very grave. He has been resting quietly most of the time, but has had several sinking spells. The heart action has responded to remedies and is better now."

At 4:30 the physicians noted a further improvement. Private Secretary Whitney then announced that Mr. Payne had taken nourishment and retained it, showing that the patient's rally from the severe sinking spell of the day was positive. Other evidences of this rally were noted by members of the family. Mrs. Payne was in the sickroom about 4:30. The Postmaster-General spoke to her and requested that she remain.

It was a day of tremendous strain upon the wasted vitality of the sufferer. The fact that he showed a condition less favorable in the early morning than on the previous day was very much against him. The attending physicians reported severe sinking spells in the early morning, one at 5 and one at 7 o'clock. His condition was decidedly serious from 7 until 10 o'clock, when another consultation was held. Dr. Osler being summoned from Baltimore for that purpose. After the consultation the following bulletin was issued:

"During the night the action of the heart has been improved, but conditions are not so favorable as yesterday. In that extremely unsatisfactory condition the weakened patient faced another day, and the sinking spells which came to him were but the expected results of the severe strain of the latter part of the night and early morning. It was a matter of surprise to the physicians that Mr. Payne responded so readily to the remedies used. This demonstrated his remarkable vitality."

There was a steady stream of visitors at the Arlington all day. President and Mrs. Roosevelt called at 1 o'clock and spent some time with the family and in consultation with the doctors. The President was interested in every detail and questioned the physicians closely. He said when he was leaving the hotel that he had been assured by them that if the Postmaster-General could sustain life for two days he might fight off the disease and recover. Attorney-General Moody, Secretary of War Taft, and others called. At 12:30 A. M. the following bulletin was issued by Private Secretary Whitney:

"Dr. Magruder states improvement in heart action continued. Is somewhat restlessness. General condition continues good."

## SINGER WOULD BE A NUN.

**Having Concocted a Dislike for Men, Particularly Her Convent.**

Selma Kronold, the operatic and concert singer, has not become a nun as has been persistently reported for several days. It isn't her fault that she has not entered a convent, her friends say, but she is ineligible because she is a divorced woman and her husband is still alive.

The Club has sanctioned her desire to become a sister Miss Kronold would have entered the Convent of the Sacred Heart at 1322 street and Convent avenue. As it is she makes her home near the convent at 5 Convent Hill, where she is living a secluded life.

Miss Kronold has not appeared on the concert stage this season, and it is not at all certain that she will appear. She wants to give up stage work of all kinds, her friends and her brother Hans, who is trying to get her to reconsider her determination.

Miss Kronold was born in Poland and is a Jewess. She was educated in a Catholic school in her native land, but she held to the religion of her parents until her mother died two years ago. Then she embraced the Catholic faith. A year before that she had obtained a divorce from John Koert, the violinist, and since that matrimonial experience she has taken a dislike to men. Last season this dislike for men centered on Director Conried of the Metropolitan Opera House. According to the singer's narrative he promised to allow her to sing certain roles and later gave her others. After this experience Miss Kronold tried to enter a convent. She said she expected that she would continue concert work this season, but they don't expect to induce her to go on the operatic stage again.

**FIRST AVENUE MOB LAW.**  
Runaway Kneels Down a Woman—Driver Dragged Off Box and Beaten.

William Brennan, the driver of a funeral coach, yesterday was in the first avenue, looking for a woman in a black dress, who was returning from Calvary cemetery. At Fifty-seventh street the horses knocked down Mrs. Rosa Friedman of 123 Ridge street and hurt her badly. Brennan succeeded in pulling up the horses and a crowd pulled him off the box and began to punch and kick him. Brennan was in a fair way to be killed when Police-  
man McLean dragged him into a hallway, where the policeman fought off the crowd, until more policemen came and drove it away.

## GURNEY NOT AT FAULT.

**Wasn't Driving the Automobile When He Was Arrested for Fast Speeding.**

LENOX, Mass., Oct. 2.—A reversal of feeling has gone through Lenox in the case of Hugh Gurney, the British Embassy's third secretary, who appealed on last Monday from the jurisdiction of the Lenox District Court, which issued a warrant for his arrest and fined him for automobile speeding in Stockbridge.

It was revealed to-day from an authentic source that Mr. Gurney was not driving the automobile on last Sunday when it is alleged that the speed regulations of Stockbridge were violated. Those in a position to know say positively that Mr. Gurney had with him in his car the son of a well known Lenox cottager and that this young man of 18 years, an expert automobilist, was at the wheel of the car.

When the Sheriff appeared and detained the automobilist, Mr. Gurney assumed the full responsibility and was arrested and fined. This act by Mr. Gurney was discussed everywhere in Lenox to-day, and quite changed the state of feeling against him. The facts have been known all along to Sir Mortimer Durand and members of the Diplomatic Corps, and for this reason the British Ambassador has not censured his secretary for his appeal to the State Department, which was an act which Sir Mortimer Durand much regrets, and which would not have occurred had he been at the embassy in Lenox when the arrest of Mr. Gurney occurred.

It appears, rather than allow it to be supposed that his young friend might have been a violator of the law, Mr. Gurney remained silent and submitted to arrest.

## NURSES SUE HOSPITAL.

**One Alleges Damages for Loss of Time. Others Claim Salaries.**

Marjorie May Morgan, who was a nurse in the Sydenham Hospital at 330 East 118th street, has brought suit against the board of directors of the hospital for \$500 damages for loss of time. She says she went there in August last year on the promise of a diploma when her course was finished and didn't get one. Her father, Joseph P. Morgan, who lives at 322 East 119th street, said yesterday that he learned that the hospital had no authority to give diplomas and that on that account Miss Morgan resigned and is now completing her course in the Post-graduate Hospital.

Dr. Robert K. Kupper, of 188 Lenox avenue, said last night for the hospital.

Miss Morgan went there as any other green nurse, and if she had remained to pass the examination required by the Board of Regents she would have received her diploma. She resigned and that is the end of it so far as I know."

It was learned last night that other nurses have sued for salaries, and that their cases came up to-day in the Municipal Court at 121st street and Sylvan place. Dr. Kupper said that these nurses went into the hospital as beginners with the understanding that they were to receive \$7 a month and that they claim \$35.

Some time ago four doctors who had been dismissed from the house staff filed charges with the State Board of Charities against the management. These charges, Dr. Kupper said, the State board sent back to the men who had preferred them.

## CLEVELAND NOT TO SPEAK.

**Says It Isn't in His Line—Glad His Party Has Returned to Sanity.**

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., Oct. 2.—Ex-President Cleveland allowed himself to be interviewed on the political situation yesterday. In answer to questions he said:

"You may say that I have never been so interested in the welfare and success of the Democratic party as I am to-day. Democrats should be upon the alert in the polls. I am thoroughly satisfied with the ticket and I believe that Judge Parker is an ideal candidate for the highest office in the gift of a nation."

"Is it true," Mr. Cleveland was asked, "that you will make several speeches in support of the ticket during the campaign?"

"No," said Mr. Cleveland. "I do not expect to make any public speeches during the campaign, but I desire to make it as emphatic and positive as possible that it is not because I am not taking the keenest and deepest interest in the campaign. I am not a public speaker. Public speaking is not my forte, and that is the only reason for my decision."

When asked what he thought of Judge Parker's gold telegram and the action of the convention, Mr. Cleveland rose slowly and after a brief silence, said:

"The party's action speaks for itself. It has returned to sanity and future progress along the right lines is now assured. Yes, it speaks for itself. The welfare of the Democratic party is very close to my heart and it is once more upon the right road."

## PLOT OF TOM TAGGART.

**Candidacy of Negro Knox for Congress Attributed to Him.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—A. A. Young, who is managing Congressman Overstreet's campaign, makes the definite charge that George L. Knox, colored, who has announced himself an independent candidate for Congress, has been brought into the race by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee. He says the deal was made during Taggart's recent visit to this city. Mr. Young said to-day: "George L. Knox was closeted with Thomas Taggart in Room 40 at the Grand Hotel for an hour and a half, beginning at 11 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, Sept. 17. A. T. Manning was with him. No other persons than those three were in the room. The conference was arranged by Mr. Manning, who called on Mr. Taggart early in the morning, then went away and brought Mr. Knox back with him."

"Immediately following this conference Mr. Knox got busy circulating his petitions. Mr. Knox claims that he is running from a high sense of patriotism and not as a Democratic annex. If so, isn't it strange that he should have this long interview with Mr. Taggart and then get busy getting ready to run for Congress? I have the names of witnesses who are willing to testify to the correctness of this statement."

Whiteman Didn't Board a Ship at Philadelphia.  
Buffalo, Oct. 2.—The report that Alonzo J. Whiteman boarded a ship at Philadelphia has proved unfounded. No trace of the fugitive has been secured. The Buffalo detective from whom he escaped has been suspended from duty.

## HERRICK TO STUMP ACTIVELY.

**ODELLISM HIS TOPIC ALL OVER THE STATE.**

He Hopes Judge Parker Will Stump, Too—He Will Make Three and Four Speeches a Day, Sometimes, and Go Everywhere, Not Omitting This County.

Judge Herrick intends to make an active campaign, beginning the latter part of this week and continuing until election day. He will reach this city about noon on Wednesday and attend the reception which is to be given on that night at the Manhattan Club to Judge Parker, but he will start in immediately after his arrival here to make up a schedule of speeches that will carry him into every part of the State. He will consult with the managers of the national and State committees and will, if it should be thought best, make three or four speeches a day in the sparsely settled districts of the State. The principal topic of his speeches will be "Odellism." At the Democratic national headquarters it was said yesterday that the cue to the sort of campaign Judge Herrick would make was contained in this part of his speech of acceptance:

"To-day it is undoubtedly the fact that there is a widespread feeling in the State that many of its highest officials are recreant to their trusts and that the government of the State as a commercial and political as a pursuit to be followed for private gain."

This feeling of distrust cannot be dispelled until the truth or falsity of the charges injurious to the fair name and fame of our State cannot be determined until the books are opened and examined before the public, not by the men who have made and kept them, but by new accountants appointed by the people for that purpose.

The testimony of the witness summoned by the governor, the learned Attorney-General of the State, indicates that there is something amiss there where waste and extravagance in the expenditures of the people's money."

Although Judge Herrick will give the greater part of his efforts to laying the real issues of the coming election before the voters north of the Bronx, he will, it is expected, make at least three speeches in this city. He will probably speak at both the meetings which are being arranged to be held in Madison Square Garden, one by the Manhattan and Democratic clubs jointly, and one by Tammany Hall.

Several Democrats of prominence who talked with Judge Herrick while they were in Albany on Saturday to attend the Democratic convention, said yesterday that Judge Herrick has determined himself to suggest this when he meets Judge Parker in this city on Wednesday. Judge Herrick believes that it would be wise for the Democratic nominees for President to appear on the platform, not only in this State, but in those States which are classed as doubtful by the managers of the national campaign.

Judge Parker will come down from Poughkeepsie this morning, and will stay until the end of the week. It has been arranged that he and Judge Herrick shall meet on Wednesday afternoon and it will be the duty of Judge Herrick to endeavor to persuade the head of the Democratic national ticket to relinquish the idea of holding himself from the public, especially as regards the campaign in this State.

## LAY STUNNED IN THE AVENUE.

**For Fifteen Minutes With Nobody to Help—It Was Fatal.**

James H. Cornell of 140 East Forty-fourth street was badly shaken up yesterday morning when turning into Fifty-second street from Madison avenue in a dog cart. Cornell held the reins of the bay horse drawing the cart and with him was William Bernard. They were going north on the car tracks when it began to rain heavily and they decided to make for home. As the cart was turning out a car behind hit it. The cart was going rapidly and so was the dog. The collision spilled Cornell and his friend over the dashboard, and as they lay stunned in the roadway the horse, with a badly wrecked wagon, ran up Madison avenue. The animal was caught at Fifty-ninth street.

Cornell and his friend lay for ten or fifteen minutes. They were both bleeding from cuts about the head and were so stunned that they could not get up. Scores of people surrounded them, but nobody seemed to know what to do. There was no policeman in sight. As was said above, it was raining a little.

Finally someone did telephone to Flower Hospital for an ambulance and others helped the injured party to their feet. There is a drug store a block away and when the ambulance arrived both men had been taken to the hospital. They were fixed up there and did not want to go to the hospital, but the ambulance surgeon convinced them that they ought, and they went along in the ambulance.

Both had contusions on the body and cuts on the face. Neither would stay longer than the time it took to dress their cuts. Cornell has a cloth sporting business.

## CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED.

**Four Men and an Elephant Injured and a Lion Badly Frightened.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 2.—Four circus men and an elephant were injured, a lion badly frightened, eight cars of meat thrown over the embankment and two circus cars wrecked in a collision between the special train of the John H. Sharps tent show and a fast freight on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Nanticoke this morning. The circus train was trying to reach a siding at Nanticoke, where it is to appear this week, when the fast freight dashed into it.

Two of the circus cars were wrecked, and the screaming of the elephant was the first evidence that it was hurt. It had been severely injured and was in the broken timbers. The cage of the lion was splintered, and as eight cars of meat went over the embankment and were smashed the lion could easily have escaped and enjoyed a bounteous meal in the confusion, but it was found whimpering in a corner of its shattered cage and secured.

Four of the circus men were hurt. Stephen Taggart is badly cut about the head. Frank Lansing has an arm broken and is severely bruised. Fred Curtis is injured internally and his arm is broken, and Gerald Powell's left leg is broken and he is badly bruised and cut. The crew of the freight escaped by jumping. The wreck was not cleared until this evening.

## WINTER SCHEDULE TO ASBURY PARK.

Branch and Asbury Park via Pennsylvania Railroad will be inaugurated October 4th. See new time table—A.D.

## MARCONI'S AUTO HELD UP.

**22 Miles an Hour, Said the Policeman—Inventor Protests in Vain.**

Signor Marconi and a young woman were in the automobile that Bicycle Policeman Mullerkey, on a motor-cycle, chased for several blocks on the Boulevard Lafayette last night. Mullerkey arrested Joseph Grady, the driver. Marconi protested but the policeman made all hands go to the 152d street station. The policeman said that he had timed the machine for several blocks and that it was going twenty-two miles an hour.

The wireless telegraph inventor, who was on his way from Lenox, Mass., said he was sure the speed limit had not been exceeded. "This is the first time we have been arrested, and if you will let my driver go I shall be very careful in the future," he said.

Sergeant Lane refused to liberate the driver until Marconi furnished \$500 bail.

## BOY CATAPULTED INTO RIVER.

**When the Old Mare Dragged the Wagon Overboard—Youngster Saved.**

A crowd of small boys played shinny in West Forty-eighth street last night and one of them would make a run against the forelegs of Adam Dorry's old brown mare, which was standing hitched to a light wagon in front of Dorry's house, at 527. The mare ran away.

In the wagon was five-year-old Willie Dorry, who held on with both hands and screamed. The mare galloped down to the open pier at the foot of the street and overboard, dragging the wagon with her. Young Dorry was thrown about thirty feet in the air when the light wagon bumped over the end of the dock. He landed far out in the stream. Samuel Lederer jumped in and got him. The mare was drowned.

## BACK FROM TIGER HUNTING.

**Dr. W. L. Smith of Worcester, Mass., Returns From a Two Year Trip.**

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 2.—Dr. William Lord Smith returned to this city to-day after an absence of two years, during which he had many strange adventures. Among them were the killing of a cave tiger and the healing of Zill Eff Sultan, the brother of the Shah of Persia.

Dr. Smith denies the recently published statement that he had treated the Shah, and had been rewarded with the appointment of physician in honor to the throne. He admitted, however, the curing of the Shah's brother, in return for which service he received many courtesies, which gave him unusual facilities in travelling freely about Persia.

Dr. Smith went abroad to study the habits of tigers and secure a collection of skins. He has been successful in his attempt and returns with five skins, four of which are to be credited to his skill as a hunter. He shot tigers in Corea, China and Java and brought back as trophies the heads of some wild cattle slain in Java.

## MINSTREL, NOT BURGLAR.

**Cop Called to Hotel Regent, Where Law Bookstore Was Working.**

Low Dockstader, the minstrel, lives at the Hotel Regent, and when his show opens at the Herald Square Theatre to-night he threatens to introduce a couple of black-face novelties. The minstrel spent all yesterday afternoon in his room in the Regent practising with his war paint on a mirror in his room a bellboy poked his head in the door. The bellboy took Dockstader for a negro burglar and hot-footed to the office with the information. The clerk to whom he imparted the information telephoned to the West Sixty-eighth street police station for help. Help arrived in the person of an able bodied detective sergeant. With reinforcements of porters and bellboys the detective was taken to the room where the colored man was at work. They found him, but when he flashed his face he proved his right to be in the room.

"The only person who seemed to feel bad was the detective. He left the hotel with the impression that somebody had gold bricked him."

## GRAIN GREW IN HER THROAT.

**A Kernel Which a Small Girl Swallowed Sprouted, Causing Distress.**

VERMILION, S. D., Oct. 2.—Three weeks ago a little girl here named Henrietta Hendrickson, while at play in a corn bin, swallowed a grain of corn, which lodged in her throat. It caused her little inconvenience until a few days ago, when her condition became alarming and a doctor was sent.

An examination by surgeons revealed the presence of a protuberance in the throat, and an incision was made. The grain of corn was then found to have sprouted.

## SEA GATE COTTAGE BURNED.

**House Occupied by John Matthews and Family Burned to the Ground.**

One of the cottages at Sea Gate, Coney Island, was destroyed by fire last night. The cottage was three stories high and was owned by Charles R. Ross of 187 Liberty street, Manhattan. It was occupied by the family of John Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews and her children were about to retire at 9 o'clock when they heard a crackling sound. On investigation Mrs. Matthews found the chimney on fire. The Rev. Father Brophy of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Solace was near and sent in the alarm. It took the fire engines some time to arrive on the scene, as the nearest engine is over two miles distant from the house.

When the firemen arrived one of the engines was able to find a hydrant about fifty feet from the burning house, but the other engine had to go about half a mile to get water. When a stream was obtained it was so small that it did little service. The house was destroyed.

The damage is estimated at \$17,500. The flames extended to the adjoining house, owned and occupied by Charles Whitman Baker, vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The damage to Mr. Baker's house is estimated at \$5,000.

## CURIOUS TRIBUTE TO IRVING.

**Audience at Swansea Sing Hymns at His Farewell Performance.**

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.  
LONDON, Oct. 2.—There was a strange scene at the Swansea Theatre on Saturday night upon the conclusion of "The Bells," in which appeared Sir Henry Irving, who is making a farewell tour of the provinces. The audience sang hymns and loud applause followed which the large audience sang fervently, "Lead, Kindly Light" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

## RUSSIANS FIGHTING BRAVELY.

**DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO DRIVE JAP RESIEGERS BACK.**

Repeated Sorties From Port Arthur Fail—Skirmishing Continues Near Mukden—Reported Loss of Japanese Gunboat—Crew Beach Island Safely.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES TO THE SUN.  
CHERPOV, Oct. 2.—Chinese who left Port Arthur on Friday have arrived here. They say that there was severe fighting on Sept. 28 and 29 near Pigeon Bay. The Russians tried to capture the heavy guns the Japanese have mounted in that vicinity. The Russians made several sorties, considerable numbers of them dragging field artillery, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

TOKIO, Oct. 2.—It is stated that the Russians at Port Arthur are making desperate efforts to retake the positions captured by the Japanese, including Fort Kurepatkin, in the hope of restoring the water supply of the fortress.

It is said that Fort Kurepatkin has been bombarded and assaulted repeatedly, but the Japanese continue to hold it. Both sides have suffered severely. The newly mounted heavy Japanese guns are said to command the entire harbor.

It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat struck a mine and sank south of the Liaotung Peninsula. The crew, it is said, reached an island, whence they were rescued. The Admiralty does not deny the report, but states that it is awaiting information.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Chefoo says he hears from the latest refugee arrivals that the Port Arthur garrison needs more ammunition. Provisions are also wanted, though little is said of their small quantity and unsatisfactory quality. The Russians still have plenty of ammunition.

The Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent gives a Chinaman's account of the desperate fighting at Port Arthur, in which the Japanese swarmed like locusts upon the Russian bayonets. There were fierce breast to breast conflicts, and the trenches were filled with dead and wounded.

The Japanese siege guns have done serious damage. The premises of the principal merchants, Gen. Stoessel's residence, the Russian church and the police station have been wrecked.

A junk has arrived at Chefoo with her bows damaged by hitting a mine near the Liaotung Islands. Reports of general captures state that Japanese men are floating in open sea between Port Arthur and Chefoo.

## SHIP OUT OF PORT ARTHUR.

**Shanghai Hears That Russian Boat Is Nearing Wusung.**

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.  
SHANGHAI, Oct. 2.—It is reported that a Russian warship from Port Arthur is expected to arrive at Wusung, ten miles north of this place. The Russians have been ordered to tender to meet her.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Shanghai says it is reported there that there has been another naval engagement off Port Arthur.

## EXPECTS BIG BATTLE SOON.

**Tokio Believes Russians Will Make a Stand at Tieling.**

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.  
TOKIO, Oct. 2.—The outposts and scouts maintain close contact south, southeast and east of Mukden. There are skirmishes every day. News of a general action is hourly expected. It is believed that the next big engagement will be near Tieling.

Snow has fallen in the mountains east of Mukden, and there has been some frost in the valleys.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says that in an interview Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, Minister of the Interior, was enthusiastic in his praise of Gen. Gripenberg, who was lately appointed by the Czar to command the second Manchurian army. The Minister expressed the opinion that the war would be of very long duration. He declared that he made no distinction in faiths and nationalities. Justice must be meted to all Russian subjects alike. He held out no hope at present for a free press,